

HOUSE BILL 1273

By Durham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49,
Chapter 13, relative to formation of charter
schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-106(a), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following language as subdivision (2):

(2) A charter school may be formed to provide quality educational options for students with specific academic needs. The enrollment in such charter schools may be limited to those students who meet academic admissions criteria set by the charter school. Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1)(C), the restriction of the school to a group of students with specific academic needs shall not reduce the score of the charter school's application if the charter school demonstrates other strengths or focuses, as provided in subdivision (b)(1)(E).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-13-113, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

Subsections (b)—(d) shall not apply to a charter school formed to provide quality educational options for students with specific academic needs under § 49-13-106(a)(2). A student who is admitted to and remains enrolled in the charter school shall not be required to reapply from year-to-year.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.